

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 11 are amended and claims 24-25 are added herein. With entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-4, 7-13, and 16-25 will be pending.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include receiving a polling response from the node at the network management system and updating a status of the node. As amended, claims 1 and 11, and the claims depending therefrom, are believed to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 9-10 and 16-17.

New claims 24 and 25 depend from allowed claims 9 and 16, respectively.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 399-5608.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy S. Kaplan
Reg. No. 40,043

P.O. BOX 2448
SARATOGA, CALIFORNIA 95070
Tel: 408.399.5608
Fax: 408.399.5609